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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Diego – Board Clears CBP Officers in Taser Death at San Ysidro

(U) The actions of US Customs and Border Protection officers that resulted in the death of US citizen, Francisco Manuel Cesena, at the San Ysidro Port of Entry in December 2014 were a justified use of force, a federal panel has concluded. The incident at the port's pedestrian entrance involved the use of a Taser to subdue Cesena, who assaulted a CBP officer while in custody. An autopsy concluded that Cesena died of cardiac arrest caused by several factors, including being struck repeatedly with tasers, being restrained face down, and methamphetamine and heroin intoxication.

SOURCE: 16 November 2016, [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Minnesota – Three Men Sentenced to Prison for Support to ISIL

(U) Minneapolis – A Minnesota man described as a leader of a group of nine who plotted to travel to Syria to fight for the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group was sentenced to 35 years in prison yesterday by a federal judge who said he didn't believe the man's tearful apologies and words of contrition. Two other members of what US District Judge Michael Davis repeatedly called a "terrorist cell" — Mohamed Farah and Abdirahman Daud, both 22 — were sentenced yesterday to 30 years in prison apiece. But Guled Omar, 22, drew the longest sentence of the nine defendants who appeared before Davis this week.

SOURCE: 16 November 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Minnesota – Officer Charged with Manslaughter in Death of Philando Castile

(U) St Paul – The Minnesota police officer who fatally shot Philando Castile during a traffic stop in July was charged yesterday with second-degree manslaughter and two felony counts of dangerous discharge of a firearm. Ramsey County Attorney John Choi said the use of force by St Anthony police Officer Jeronimo Yanez was not justified. A review of dashboard camera video revealed that "no reasonable officer" would have used deadly force in this circumstance, Choi said.

SOURCE: 16 November 2016, [NPR](#)

(U) New York – Accused New York Bomber Indicted on New Federal Charges

(U) Manhattan – The man accused of injuring more than two dozen people in September bomb attacks in New York and New Jersey was indicted yesterday, as federal prosecutors added new charges that could result in a mandatory life prison sentence. Ahmad Khan Rahimi, 28, was charged with eight counts, including using a weapon of mass destruction in an explosion in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood that injured 30 people.

SOURCE: 16 November 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) New York – 10 Charged in US-Mexico Human Smuggling Ring

(U) New York City – Federal prosecutors in New York City have charged 10 defendants in a human smuggling ring that they say operated across the Mexico-US border. Six defendants were arrested

yesterday in Texas and another was arrested in Brooklyn. Prosecutors said in a statement and in court papers that the smuggling scheme operated from June 2015 until last month.

SOURCE: 16 November 2016, [ABC News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Colombia – FARC Rebels Killed in Combat After Peace Deal Signed

(U) Bogota – Two guerrillas belonging to the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) were killed in combat with security forces just four days after a new peace deal was signed to end a half century of fighting. The army said that they launched a manhunt for what it thought were members of the smaller National Liberation Army who had reportedly been extorting local ranchers and businesses in a lawless area of northern Bolivar state. However, a third gunman captured said he and his fellow gunmen belonged to the FARC's 37th front.

SOURCE: 16 November 2016, [The Washington Post](#)

(U) Israel – US Investigates Deaths of Three Soldiers in Jordan as Possible Terrorism

(U) Jerusalem – American officials said yesterday that they were investigating the killing of three United States soldiers at a Jordanian air base this month as a possible terrorist attack and dismissed suggestions that the three had done anything to provoke the shooting. The 4 November shooting has been shrouded in secrecy as American and Jordanian officials investigate it, a sign of the sensitivity surrounding the incident. The three soldiers, all with the Special Forces, were in Jordan on a training mission and were returning to the air base in the southern desert when a Jordanian soldier fired on them. The Jordanian soldier was wounded in what was described as an exchange of fire and is in custody.

SOURCE: 16 November 2016, [The New York Times](#)

(U) Serbia – Police Seize Biggest Weapons Cache in 15 Years

(U) Belgrade – Serbian police have seized a weapons cache including more than 100 hand grenades and 65 lbs of explosives, Interior Minister Nebojsa Stefanovic said, the biggest haul uncovered in 15 years. Ten people were arrested in raids which also yielded 12 anti-armour grenades, two rocket launchers, detonators, eight assault rifles, a heavy machine gun, semi-automatic rifles and 6,000 bullets. Plentiful arms supplies remained in private hands after the Yugoslav wars of the 1990s. Many are now in the caches of criminal groups who regularly smuggle weapons outside the region; some of which were used by Islamist militants who killed 130 people in Paris a year ago.

SOURCE: 16 November 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Terror Attacks in Developed World Surge

(U) London – The developed world became more dangerous in 2015 with a massive increase in deaths from terrorism. There was a 650% increase in fatal terror attacks on people living in the world's biggest economies in 2015, the Global Terrorism Index 2016 reveals. The annual report shows a complex picture with terrorism intensifying in some countries and spreading to new ones. However, the study also shows that across the world as a whole, the number of deaths from terrorism fell 10% to 29,376, compared to the previous year.

SOURCE: 16 November 2016, [CNN](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Sons of Sinaloa Drug Cartel Members Arrested

(U) Chihuahua – State police recently arrested the sons of two reputed drug cartel members, including

Mauricio Luna Aguilar, who allegedly had a grenade while riding a sports motorcycle in the Valley of Juárez. Aguilar was wanted on an arrest warrant on drug charges. He is also under investigation in connection with various homicides, officials added. In a separate incident, Jesus Antonio Ch. L. alias "El Tony Juniors," was arrested after police allegedly found 118 small packets of cocaine and a 9 mm handgun in his vehicle in Chihuahua City, officials said.

SOURCE: 16 November 2016, [El Paso Times](#)

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